

REMARKS

Request for Reconsideration

Applicant has carefully considered the matters raised by the Examiner in the outstanding Office Action but remains of the position that patentable subject matter is present. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Examiner's position based on the amendments to the claims and the following remarks.

Claim Status

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7-16 are pending in this Application.

Claim 1 has been amended herein as suggested by the Examiner to recite, in the body of the claim, that the ink is jetted onto a recording material by a reading head of an inkjet printer comprising nozzles which selectively control the ejection of the ink droplets and is subsequently cured by radiation of an active ray.

Claim 4 has also been amended herein to positively recite the steps of the image forming method, namely, jetting and curing.

Prior Art Rejection

Claims 1, 4, and 7-14 had been rejected as being unpatentable over Chatterjee and Noguchi. Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 15 and 16 had been rejected as being unpatentable over a combination of Chatterjee, Noguchi and Owatari.

As noted above, Claims 1 and 4 have been amended herein as suggested by the Examiner and is understood in the Office Action on pages 5 and 6, such amendment distinguishes over the primary references of Chatterjee and, therefore, places the claims in condition for allowance.

Thus, based on the previous Response and the amendments herein, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are now patentable over the cited references taken alone or in combination.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Should any fees or extensions of time be necessary in order to maintain this Application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit Account # 02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,

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